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SUBJECT: USTR Letter on WTO Accession and Industry Letters on
Information Technology Procurement Decision

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11. (SBU) Post has delivered to Vietnamese senior officials three letters it has received from USTR related to Vietnam's WTO accession. Econ Counselor gave the letters to Nguyen Cam Tu, Director General (DG) of the Trade Policy Department for Americas, at the Ministry of Trade (MOT) on September 20.

12. (SBU) Two of the letters were from the U.S. information technology industry to Minister of Trade Truong Dinh Tuyen concerning the recent July 17, 2006 VN-PM No. 169 Decision: Regulations on Procurement of Information Technology Products by the Organizations Using State Budget. Post also sent copies of these letters to Minister of Post and Telematics Do Trung Ta and Minister of Science and Technology Hoang Van Phong.

13. (SBU) Econ/C also delivered copy of the letter from AUSTR Dorothy Dwoskin to Vice Minister Luong Van Tu. This letter referred to last week's excellent consultations in Washington and contained an agreed list of decrees that our teams identified as needing to be promulgated with regard to Vietnam's WTO accession, including the 169 Decision.

14. (SBU) DG Tu said he would convey the letters to the Minister and Vice Minister right away.

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